

## 1 HOUSE BILL NO. 166

2 INTRODUCED BY M. MENAHAN

3 BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A FULL-TIME ATTORNEY IN THE FISH,  
6 WILDLIFE, AND PARKS ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO PROSECUTE,  
7 OR ASSIST COUNTY ATTORNEYS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN THE PROSECUTION OF,  
8 CRIMINAL FISH AND GAME VIOLATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 44-4-115, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN  
9 EFFECTIVE DATE."

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11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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13 **Section 1.** Section 44-4-115, MCA, is amended to read:

14 **"44-4-115. Fish, wildlife, and parks enforcement program.** There is a fish, wildlife, and parks  
15 enforcement program in the department of justice, which must be administered by the entity in the department  
16 that assists county attorneys with prosecutions. The program staff may investigate and may prosecute criminal  
17 cases concerning the violation of the laws administered by the department of fish, wildlife, and parks. The  
18 program is under the supervision and control of the attorney general and consists of a ~~half-time~~ full-time attorney  
19 licensed to practice law in Montana who may prosecute, or assist county attorneys and the department in the  
20 prosecution of, criminal violations of Title 87."

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22 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2009.

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